



# ROTARY CLUB OF FLORENCE

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## TODAY'S SCHEDULE, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

- 11:45 Buffet Opens (\$14 for Buffet, Coffee, Tea, & Dessert)
- 12:15 President Frank Schneider Presiding  
**Team 7** Greeting, Prayer, Pledge and 4Way Test
- 12:30 Connection between Polio and Cincinnati, Leon Hirsch, PDG (Schneider)
- 1:00 Meeting Adjourned

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	Griesser, Gary	9-Sep
	Chisenhall, Rhonda	9-Sep
	Harrison, David	13-Sep
	GILLILAND, WILL	25-Sep
	Steffen, Arden	26-Sep
	Deathrage, H.B.	27-Sep

## PROGRAMS

OCTOBER		TEAM
1	<b>OFFSITE:</b> Interclub Rotary Meeting (Radisson 668 W 5th St, Covington)	8
7	African Trips ( <u>Babik &amp; Buchanan</u> )	9
14	Columbus Day - No Meeting	
21	State of Boone County, Judge <u>Moore (Froelicher)</u>	1
28	<b>OFFSITE:</b> City of Florence, Mayor <u>Whalen (Froelicher)</u> . Florence Nature Park 7200 Nature Park Drive, Florence.	2
NOVEMBER		TEAM
4	Tri State Honor Flight <u>Cheryl Popp (Froelicher)</u>	3
11	75th Club Anniversary, <u>Gray Griesser (Stewart)</u> & International Festival March 14,2020 (Schneider)	4
18	Minority Floor Leader. <u>Morgan McGarvey, (Schickel)</u>	5
25	Kentucky Pension Reform. <u>Chris Tobe, CFA (Froelicher)</u>	6
DECEMBER		TEAM
2	NKY Economic Development, <u>Lee Crume (Froelicher)</u>	7
9	Club Assembly and goal planning for 2020	8

## People of Action

- SEP 27** 6am-6pm **FLORENCE ROTARY & GATEWAY REHAB. HOSPITAL — BAKE SALE & RAFFLE TO SUPPORT ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION.** (5940 Merchants St, Florence).
- OCT 1** 11:30am-1:30pm **INTERCLUB ROTARY MEETING** (Radisson 668 W 5th St, Covington, KY 41011). We are merging our club's meeting that week with the Covington club as they host the Russian Delegation.
- OCT 4** **GOLF OUTING:** Our 22nd Annual Florence Rotary Golf Outing on Friday 10/4 at the Hickory Sticks Golf Course. Supports our Scholarship Fund. Call Shawn C. 859-344-9322, Chip R. 859-689-1350, Randy O. 859-261-2400, or Billy S. 859-426-2285
- OCT 10** **ROTARY SUMMIT** in Fort Wayne, Indiana being held October 10-13, 2019. To join 2 ZONES, 13 STATES, 31 DISTRICTS for 1 GREAT TIME [Click here.](#)
- OCT 24** **ANNUAL PAUL HARRIS DINNER** @ Triple Crown Country Club. It is on a Thursday, which as it happens is also World Polio Day. Mark your calendars NOW!
- MAR 14** **NKY INT. FESTIVAL N.K .Convention Center** 1 W Rivercenter Blvd, Covington, KY

- \* **4 PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVES:** (1) GROW +20 (2) RAISE 20K (3) DEV. 20K (4) DIVERSITY
- \* **OUR \$100/YR. PARTON ADS BUTTON FEES ARE DUE. SEE JOY TODAY.** Meal Ad \$100/quarter & runs weekly. Patron Ad is \$100/year runs every 3rd week.
- \* **ROTARY BUSINESS CARD:** Rotary is fun! Please invite new members to join! Tell them about our great programs and how Rotary has changed you for the better.
- \* **OUR 3RD QUARTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNER: Master Provisions** and **Rob's Kids** are the 3Qr CSP's. **Rob's Kids** accepts donations of new games (Monopoly, Clue, Apples to Apples, Battleship, Life, Jenga, Yahtzee, Sequence, Rummy Cub, Hedbanz, Doodle Dice, Scrabble, Othello). A volunteer opportunity at **MP** is second Saturday of August or September from 9-noon at 7725 Foundation Dr. Florence or the last Saturday of July, August, and September at St E Hospital, Covington, or Ludlow Vets from 8:30-11:15. This is **MP's** Silver Anniversary and we have Offering Bottles that can be filled with coins anytime in 2019. Please contact Roger to receive a bottle.

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## “Silent Service” Thwarts Crime in Northern Kentucky

Written By: Patrick Moynahan by September 13

They shut down a counterfeiting operation that targeted companies in industrial parks in Northern Kentucky and a dozen other states.

They apprehended foreign nationals allegedly selling counterfeit DVDs out of the basement of a Florence home.

They screened all mail coming into Covington Catholic High School for a couple of weeks after an incident involving students during a trip to Washington, D.C.

Those are just a few of ways the federal agency known as the “silent service” thwarts crime and protects citizens locally and nationally, Chris White told members of the Rotary Club of Florence at a recent meeting. The “silent service” is the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and it picked up that nickname because it’s one of the smallest and least visible federal law enforcement agencies, he said.

The postal inspector force numbers only 1,200 agents compared to 13,500 FBI agents, but the agency investigates everything from mail theft and fraud to identity theft to child exploitation to narcotics and money laundering. White oversees all investigations of criminal activity using the U.S. mail in the Pittsburgh Division, which includes Greater Cincinnati.

A lot of people prefer shipping through the U.S. Postal Service because federal law provides a level of privacy not available among other mail carriers, White said. The customer agreements for FedEx, UPS and other services give them the right to open and inspect the content of packages, according to White. Federal law prohibits anyone from opening mail sent through the U.S. Postal Service.

“I can’t even open it as a postal inspector,” he said. “I would have to go and see a judge with probable cause to get a search warrant, and I would have to execute it through the mail.”

Still, mail theft continues to comprise a large share of the case load for postal inspectors. The large outdoor mail deposit boxes are prime targets because they provide “a one-stop shop of sorts for criminals,” White said.

They aren’t looking for personal checks. That’s old school.

“The intent is to steal mail to get the routing and account numbers from businesses and industry,” White said.

Using computer software programs, the criminals print counterfeit checks on the business accounts. Those accounts typically hold more

money and aren’t checked as often as personal accounts, according to White.

The thieves recruit homeless people to cash the counterfeit checks in exchange for a share of the money. The postal inspectors don’t have much of a case if they catch the person cashing the check because the perpetrators don’t identify themselves to the people they recruit, White said.

“They (criminals) do that on purpose to insulate themselves,” he noted.

Postal inspectors in Lexington uncovered two groups targeting the industrial parks in Northern Kentucky and other regions. The scheme involved 10 people, passed more than \$400,000 in counterfeit checks and were on track to \$3 million, White said.

Mail fraud is the bread and butter of the postal service investigations. In an ongoing case in Florence, postal service agents apprehended three Chinese nationals accused of selling counterfeit Disney DVDs, according to White. He said Disney reported losses of \$1.4 million.

Postal service agents screen mail on occasion in search of bombs or dangerous chemicals. White said the volume of mail received by Covington Catholic High School increased 500 percent the week after a controversial encounter between students and a Native American leader at a March for Life rally in Washington, D.C., in January.

Postal service inspectors screened the mail received by Covington Catholic and a couple of related facilities for a couple of weeks “just to be sure they didn’t get something dangerous,” White said.

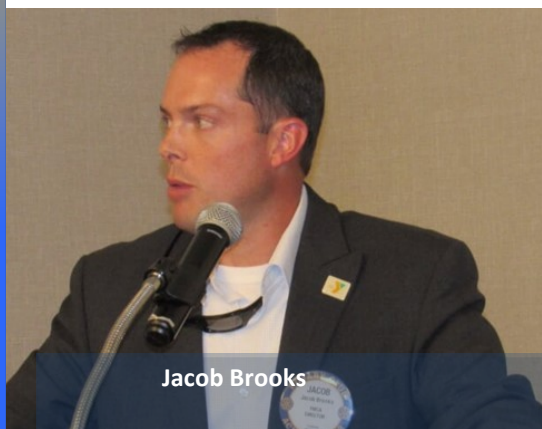
Postal service agents also investigate criminal activity on the “dark web,” a collection of websites on an encrypted network not found by traditional search engines or accessed with traditional browsers. People can buy drugs in any form, counterfeit credit cards and lots of other illegal goods through the dark web, White said.

The perpetrators believe they are anonymous on the dark web, and less likely to be caught when they ship illegal items through the mail.

“They’re not,” White said. “It may take us a little bit longer, a few more steps, but we will get them.”



Chris White



Jacob Brooks



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